

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 144
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Perry County High School basketball player Kirk Haston on being named Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association "Mr. Basketball".

WHEREAS, each year the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, after a tough selection process, names three outstanding players "Mr. Basketball" for their respective divisions; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Haston, a sensational senior star for the Perry County basketball team, was appropriately recognized as the 1996-1997 Class A "Mr. Basketball"; and

WHEREAS, Kirk played a major role in leading traditional power Perry County to new athletic heights; the Vikings fought off strong competition to win the District Tournament, Regional Tournament, Substate and State Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Perry County had an undefeated 37-0 record, the first in school history, and won each of its playoff games by at least 16 points; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Haston captained the 1996-1997 team, inspiring his teammates to work hard and overcome setbacks; and

WHEREAS, he was a "Mr. Basketball" finalist last season and for the second straight year was chosen the Most Valuable Player at the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional 6'10" forward/center burned the nets for more than 2,000 career points, averaging 22 per game his senior season, and grabbed more than 388 rebounds;

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WHEREAS, Kirk was a consensus All-State player in 1995, 1996, and 1997 and received All-Region and All-District recognition in 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997; and

WHEREAS, he has signed to play under legendary coach Bobby Knight at Indiana; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize this exemplary basketball player, who serves as an excellent role model for Perry County students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Kirk Haston on being named Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A "Mr. Basketball" and on his numerous accomplishments. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.